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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97(b)(3) and 1.98

Dear Sir:

This is an information disclosure statement submitted under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97(b)(3) and 1.98 in connection with the above-referenced pending U.S. patent application.

This information disclosure statement is timely in that it is being submitted prior to the mailing date of a first official action on the merits of this application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, this information disclosure statement

and the materials submitted herewith should be considered by the examiner in the course of examination of this application on its merits.

Submitted herewith please find copies of eight United States patents, five foreign patent publications, five sheets of photographs and copies of seventeen different pieces of promotional literature in the nature of advertisements, brochures, technical articles, flyers, catalogs and the like, all relating to blending equipment of the general type to which this invention pertains.

All of these materials are listed on three sheets of Form PTO-1449, which is incorporated herein by reference and satisfies the requirement for a list of all of the patents, publications and other information submitted for consideration under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(1).

Legible copies of all of these patents, the photographs and the promotional materials are also enclosed herewith in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2).

With the exception of the five foreign patents and the four page brochure entitled "Conair Franklin Autocolor Y Mezclador", all of the materials submitted herewith are in the English language; no concise explanation of the relevance of these materials is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3).

Concerning the relevance of the four page brochure entitled "Conair Franklin Autocolor Y Mezclador" and printed in Italian, this brochure discloses blending equipment for solid granular material of the general type to which the invention

pertains. No English language translation of this brochure is within the possession, custody or control of applicant or applicant's attorneys nor is any such English language translation readily available to applicant or applicant's attorneys, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(c).

Of the five foreign patent publications, published United Kingdom application 2,081,687 A and published European patent application 0,318,170 are in the English language and, accordingly, no concise explanation of the relevance of these two foreign patent publications is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3).

European patent publication 0,507,689 A2, which is printed in French, discloses plastic material mixing apparatus.

French patent publication 2,507,087 appears to disclose granular material mixing and dispensing apparatus.

German patent publication DE 3,541,532 A1 appears to disclose granular material mixing and conveying apparatus.

No English language translations of these three foreign patent properties are within the possession, custody or control of applicant or applicant's attorneys nor are any such English language translations readily available to applicant or applicant's attorneys in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(c).

We respectfully request consideration of the materials submitted herewith in connection with an examination on the merits of all of the claims pending in this United States patent application.

Respectfully submitted,



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Certificate of Mailing Under 37 C.F.R. §1.8:

I hereby certify that the foregoing Information Disclosure Statement, three sheets of Form PTO-1449 and copies of eight U.S. patents, five foreign patent publications, five sheets of photographs and copies of seventeen different pieces of promotional literature are being deposited with the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on the date below

Dated: 6 May 1998



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